

HIV/AIDS Profile: Gabon

Demographic Indicators`

	with AIDS	without AIDS		with AIDS	without AIDS
Population (1000s)	1,208	1,224	Growth Rate (%)	1.1 %	1.4 %
Crude Birth Rate	28	28	Crude Death Rate	17	14
Infant Mortality Rate			Life Expectancy		
Both Sexes	96	90	Both Sexes	50	55
Male	107	100	Male	49	53
Female	86	80	Female	51	58

Percent Urban	73		Total Fertility Rate	3.7	

Note: Above indicators are for 2000.

Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999	4.2 %
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 12/31/96	1.43
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 12/31/96	1660

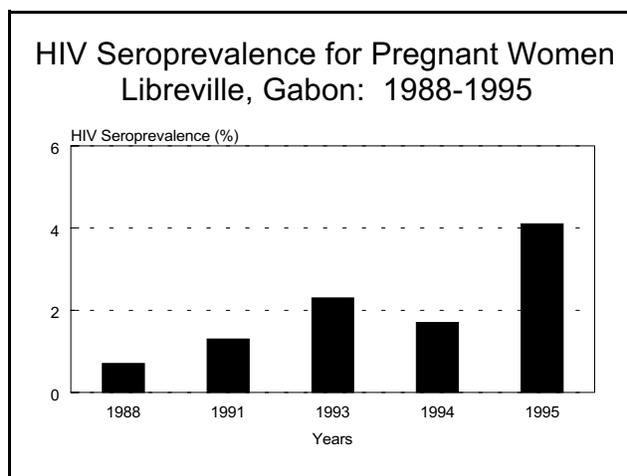
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, UNAIDS, Population Reference Bureau, World Health Organization.

Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Generalized

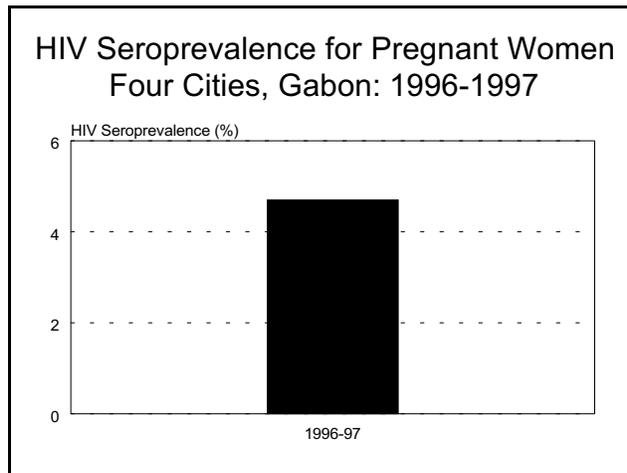
The West African country Gabon still has relatively low seroprevalence, although most available information is not current. The sector of Gabon's population with the highest rate of infection is blood donors.

- Seroprevalence for pregnant women in the capital city of Libreville continue to rise at rapid rates, increasing from less than 1 percent in 1988 to 4 percent in 1995.

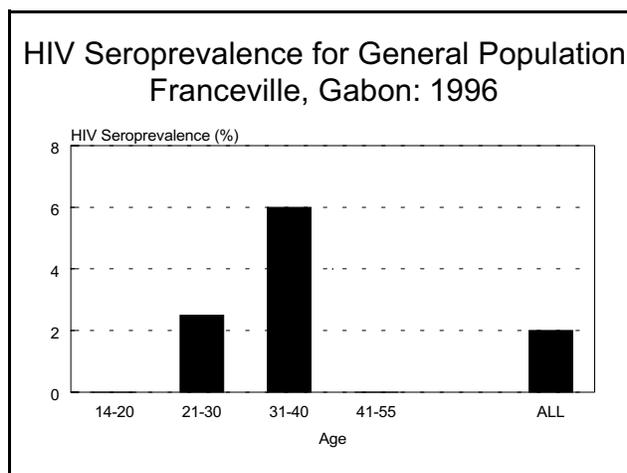


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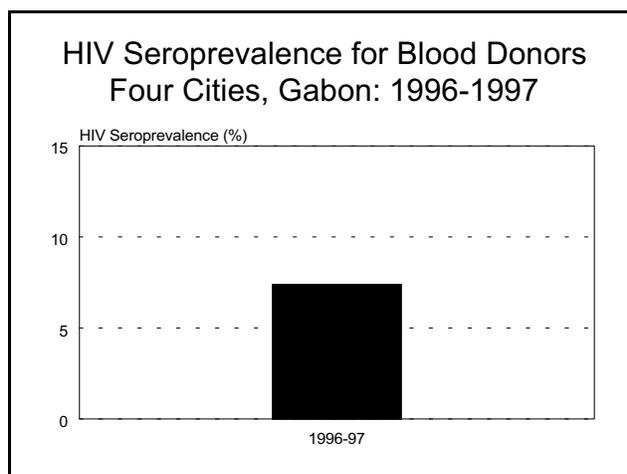
- In 1996-1997, seroprevalence levels for pregnant women in Libreville, Franceville, Moanda, and Port Gentil had reached nearly 5 percent.



- In Franceville, HIV infection levels among the general population had reached 2 percent in 1996. The 31-40 year age bracket had the highest seroprevalence, 6 percent, more than double the next highest, the 21-30 year group, 3 percent.

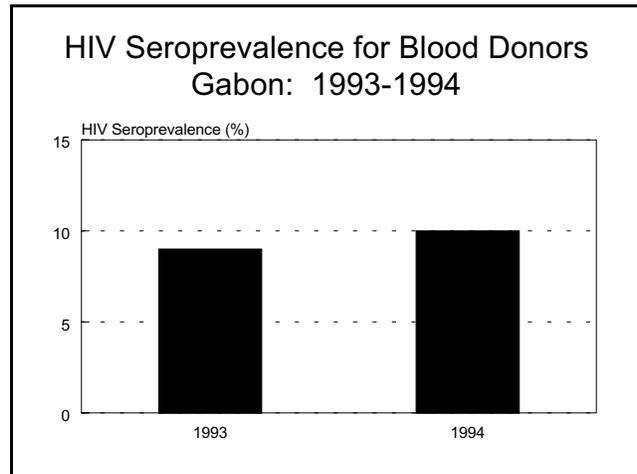


- HIV seroprevalence levels for blood donors in Libreville, Franceville, Moanda, and Port Gentil reached 7 percent by 1996-1997, a figure substantially higher than that for pregnant women.

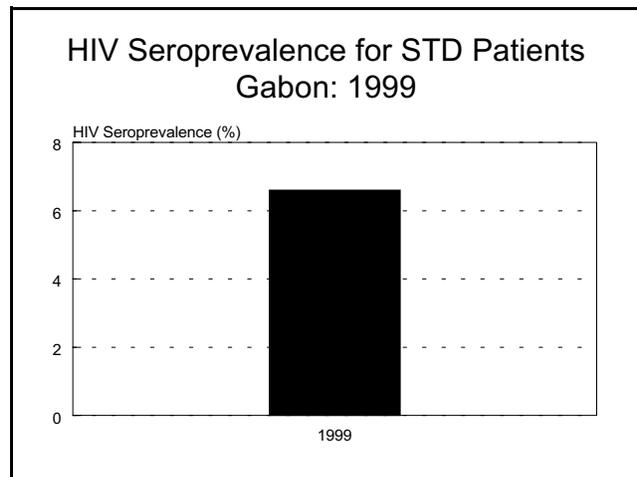


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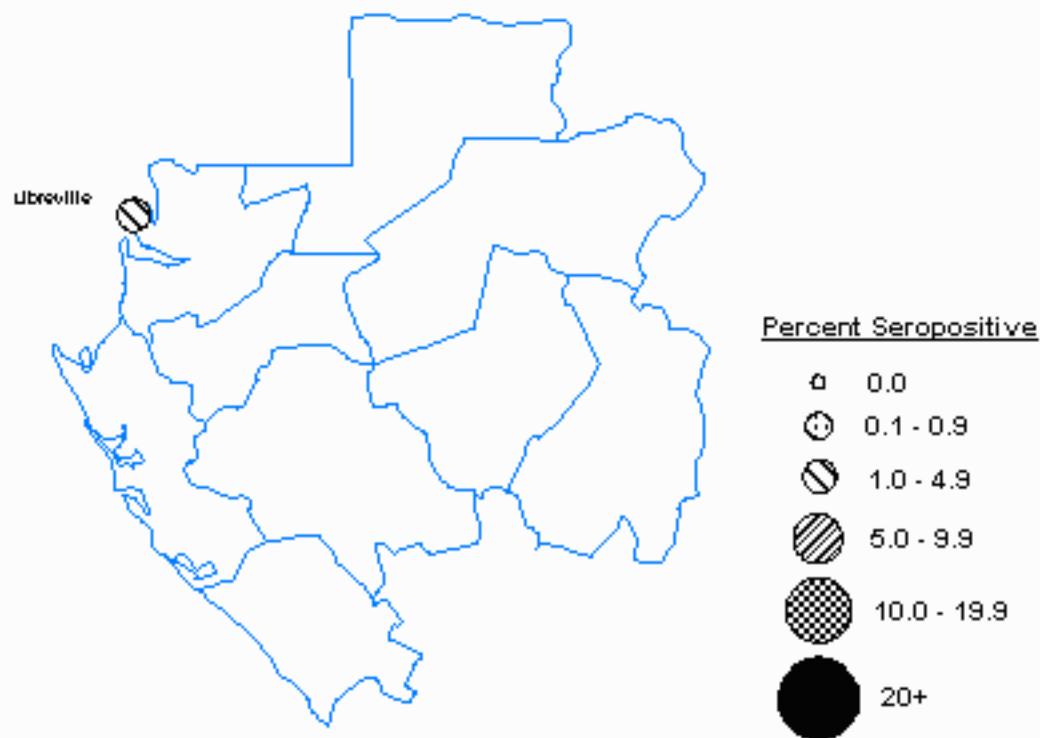
- In another study, HIV seroprevalence for blood donors in Gabon increased slightly from 1993 to 1994. However, as recent data is not available, it is impossible to know whether this trend continued throughout the decade.



- In 1999, seroprevalence for STD patients in Gabon was nearly 7 percent.



Seroprevalence of HIV-1 for Pregnant Women Gabon: 1995



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